SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Vice-Chancellor has been requested to submit a report. It is awaited.

Starting Industries in Raichur District.

677 SRI. M. GANGANNA (Kushtagi)—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many small and medium industries have been registered in Raichur District during the last three years; how many Small and Medium Industries were registered during the last year;

(*b*) how much loan has been given to these Industries by the Karnataka State Financial Corporation;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that though the Central Government has declared this District as Industrially most backward, the local people are not coming forward to start industries; if so, the reasons therefor;

(*d*) what are the Rawmaterials available in this district and which are the industries that could work well if started; has any survey been conducted in this regard?

(*e*) If so, what are the steps Government intend to take to start industries here?

SRI. AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) Number of Small and Medium Industries registered during last three years 97

Regstered during 1977-78—33

(*b*) Rs. 280.47 lakhs.

(*c*) The local people are coming forward to start Small Scale Industries in Raichur District but they are not coming forward to start medium Industries because the majority of the population depends on Agriculture in this district. Though there are people who can invest money in industries, they are not showing interest in starting medium industries.

(*d*) The following raw materials are available in Raichur District:—

(1) Red oxide (2) Soap stone (3) Quartz

(4) Moulding sand (5) Beedi leaves (6) Perfumed grass

(7) Raw material required for wood industries.

(8) Oil seeds, pulses and material for match industries.

(9) Coir Fibre (10) Non-edible oils and leather.

A survey of Small Scale Industries has been conducted in this district.

(c) Government have already issued an order during year 1975 regarding the incentives and concessions that will be available to the industries which are established in industrially backward districts. The industries that are established in Raichur District are eligible for a Central Subsidy of 15% on the fixed capital investment.

Statement by the Minister for Industries and Commerce

re:—Taking over of Mahadeva Textile Mills Hubli, by Government.

SRI. S. R. BOMMAI (Hubli).—Sir, I had given notice under rule 178 of the Rules of Procedure re: restarting of Mahadeva Textile Mill, Hubli, during the last session. The Hon. Chief Minister and the Labour Minister had positively assured this House to restart the Mill.

SRI. S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR.—I raise a point of order. Immediately after the question hour is over, the convention is that calling attention notice should be taken. This being so, I do not know how the Leader of the Opposition is allowed a different matter.

MR. SPEAKER.—I have permitted the Leader of the Opposition to raise the matter.

SRI. S. R. BOMMAI.—Myself and other hon. members had raised this issue under rule 312 on 30th June 1978. After a long discussion on the matter, the Minister for Industries assured the House that he would take steps to restart the mills within 30 days. This assurance was given on 13th June 1978. I would like to draw the attention of the Industries Minister to page 144 Vol. 3-6th Assembly Report. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೀಗಿದೆ:

"ನಾನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಏನನ್ನೂ ಕೇಳಬಯಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾನೂನು ಮಾಡಿಯೋ, ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಿಯೋ, ಇಲ್ಲ ಆಜ್ಞೆ ಮಾಡಿಯೋ ಏನು ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಈ ಎರಡೂ ಗಿರಣಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಾವು ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪುನರಾರಂಭಿಸುತ್ತೀರಿ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?...ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು "Within thirty days ಪುನರಾರಂಭಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ" ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

The question of 1200 workers is involved here. These workers have been agitating for the last two years for the restart of the mill